

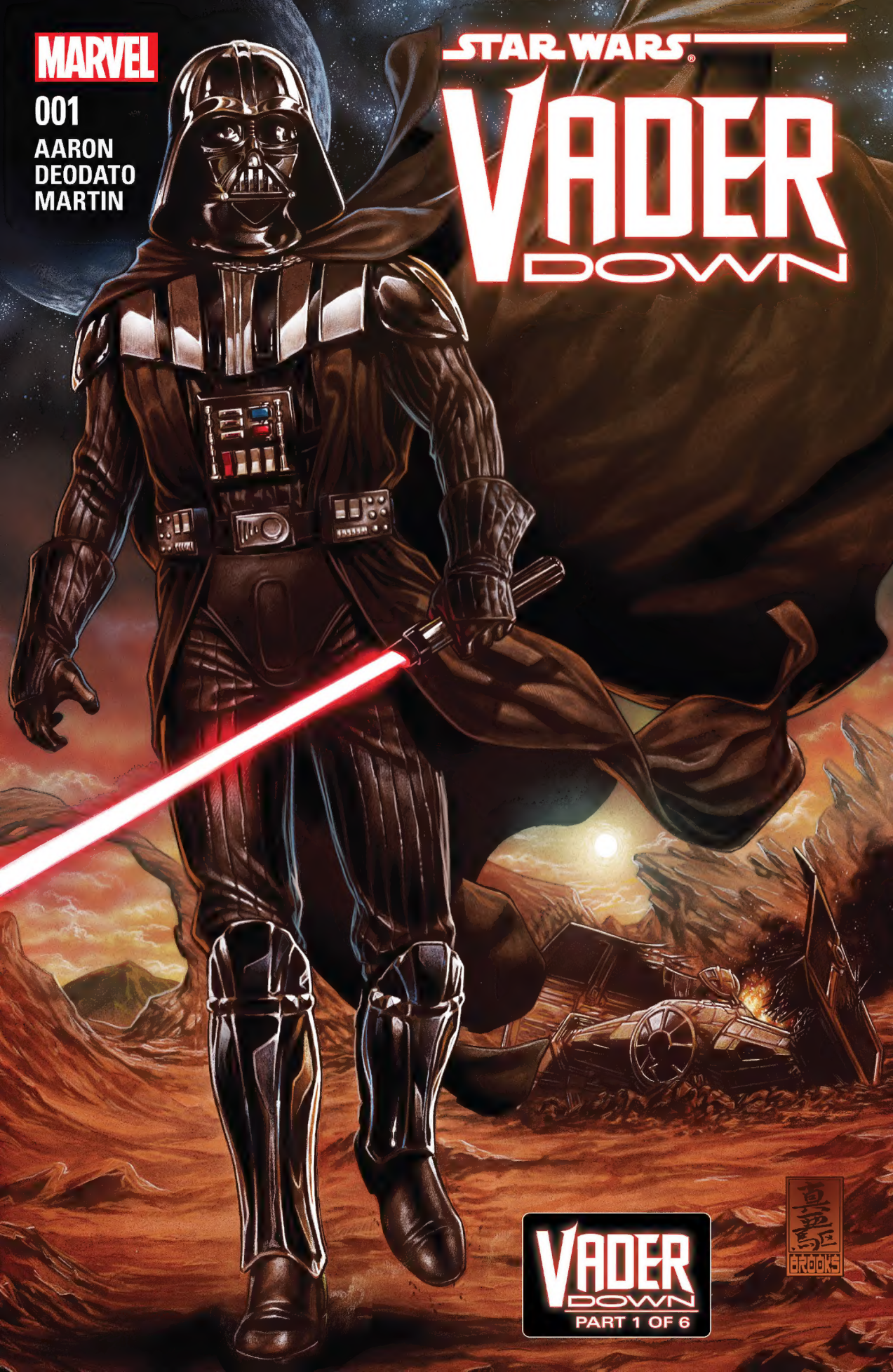
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STAR WARS

VADER DOWN



**VADER
DOWN**
PART 1 OF 6

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VADER DOWN

Part I

It is a period of unrest in the galaxy. The Sith Lord Darth Vader, enforcer of the Galactic Empire, has learned that it was Luke Skywalker who was the rebel pilot responsible for blowing up the Death Star. Vader is now more determined than ever to track down his son and turn him to the dark side.

Luke, unaware that Vader is his father, fights against the Empire with the Rebel Alliance. New to the ways of the Force, Luke has discovered the journal of Ben Kenobi and has begun investigating any information he can on the Force-using Jedi Knights and their ways.

Through the underworld sources of his secret ally, Dr. Aphra, Vader has received word of Luke's location—the former Jedi temple on the planet VROGAS VAS....

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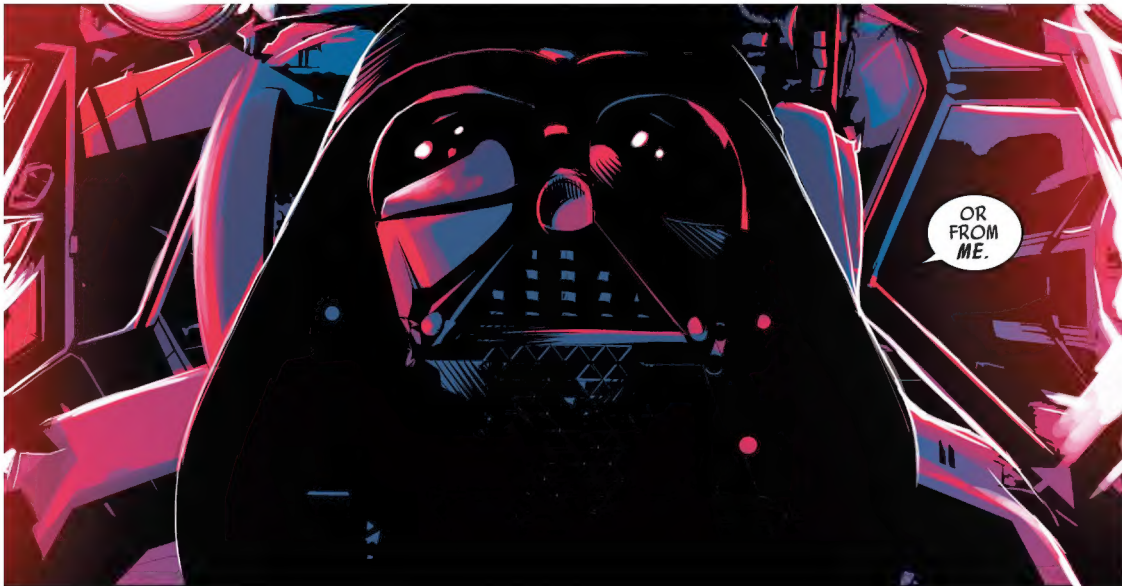
IT'S
CALLED
VROGAS
VAS.



A BARREN
WORLD WITH NO KNOWN
NATIVE LIFE FORMS. THOUGH
MORE THAN ITS SHARE OF
GASEOUS SURFACE
EMISSIONS.

SOUNDS LIKE
OUR TARGET FOUND
HIMSELF A LOVELY
LITTLE PLACE
TO HIDE.

THE BOY
CANNOT HIDE
FROM HIS
DESTINY.



OR
FROM
ME.



WHAT
WORD OF
COMMANDER
KARBIN?

WELL, WE KNOW
OUR FAVORITE MON CALAMARI
CYBORG WAS ASSIGNED BY THE
EMPEROR TO FIND THE PILOT
WHO BLEW UP THE
DEATH STAR.

BUT WE HAVE NO
REASON TO BELIEVE
HE'S COME ANYWHERE
CLOSE TO IDENTIFYING
SKYWALKER.

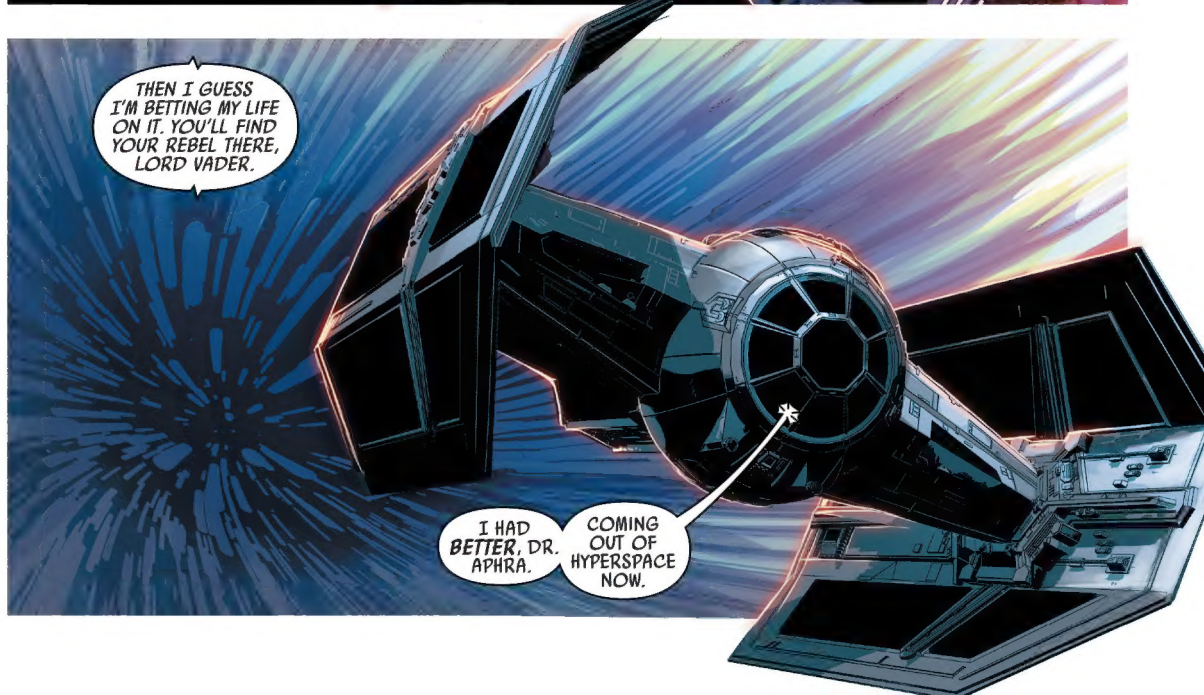
NEVERTHELESS,
HE WILL NEED
TO BE DEALT
WITH...



...ONCE
WE HAVE THE
BOY.

THE KID'S ON
VROGAS WAS ALL
RIGHT. THE INFORMATION
BROKER WAS QUITE
CERTAIN OF IT. SAID
HE'D BET HIS LIFE
ON IT.

THE BROKER
NO LONGER HAS
A LIFE WITH WHICH
TO WAGER.



THEN I GUESS
I'M BETTING MY LIFE
ON IT. YOU'LL FIND
YOUR REBEL THERE,
LORD VADER.

I HAD
BETTER, DR.
APHRA.

COMING
OUT OF
HYPERSPACE
NOW.

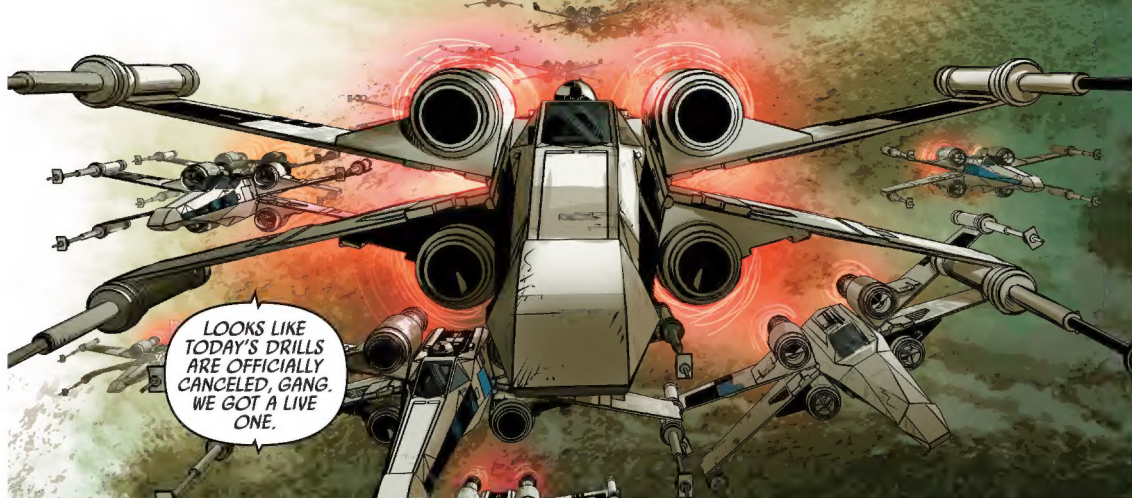


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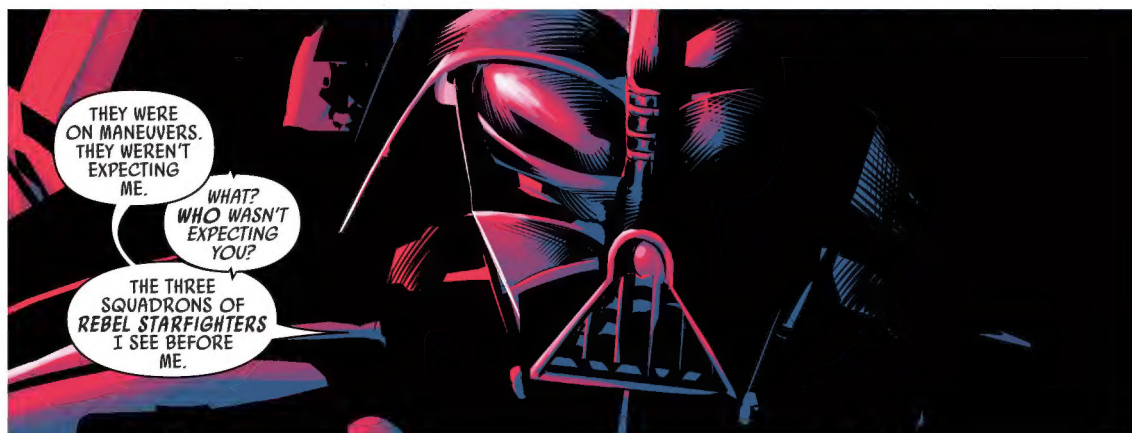
LOOKS LIKE
TODAY'S DRILLS
ARE OFFICIALLY
CANCELED, GANG.
WE GOT A LIVE
ONE.



NOTHING ELSE
ON THE SCANNERS.
THIS BUCKETHEAD
MUST BE A
SCOUT.

LET'S JAM
HIS TRANSMISSIONS
AND TAG HIM BEFORE
HE SCURRIES BACK
TO MOMMA.

BLUE
SQUADRON...
TAKE THE
LEAD.



THEY WERE
ON MANEUVERS.
THEY WEREN'T
EXPECTING
ME.

WHAT?
WHO WASN'T
EXPECTING
YOU?

THE THREE
SQUADRONS OF
REBEL STARFIGHTERS
I SEE BEFORE
ME.

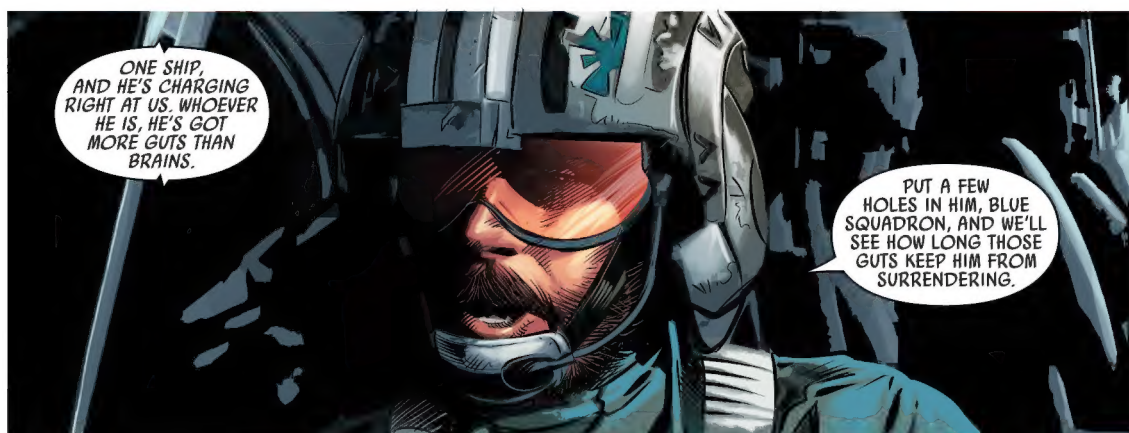
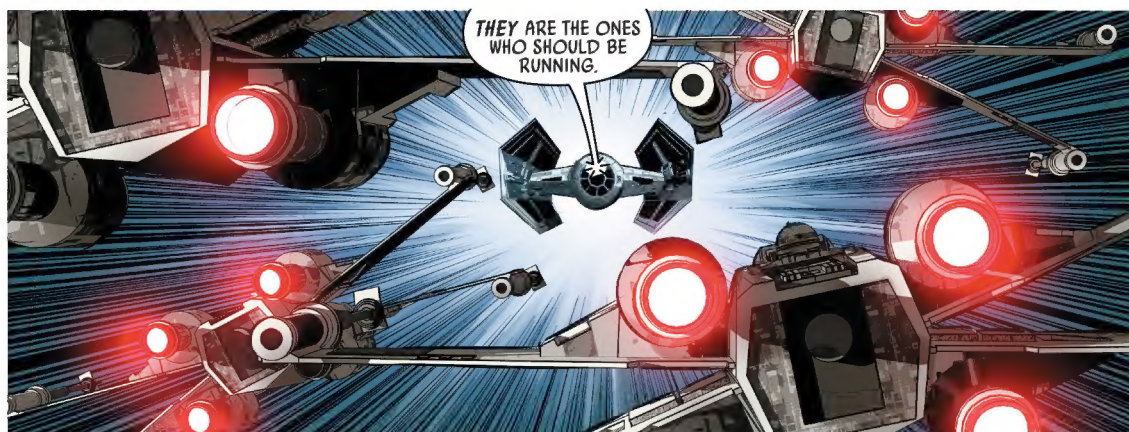


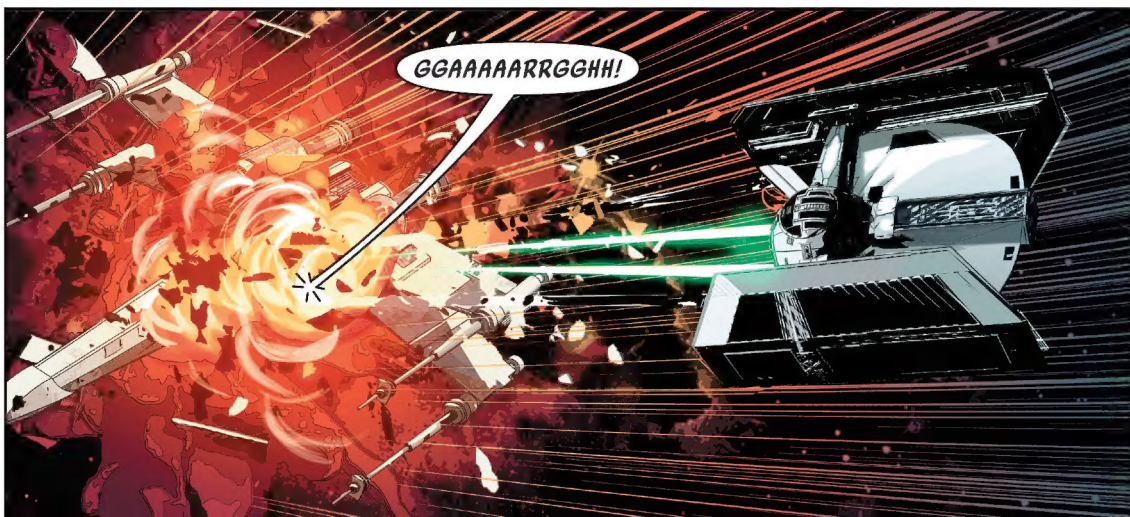
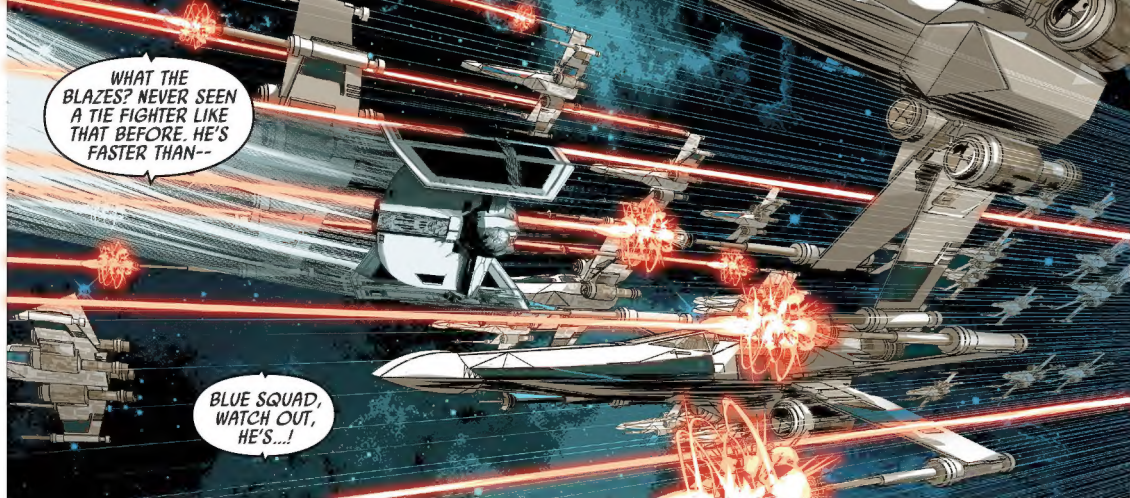
IF THIS
WAS A TRAP,
APHRA, YOU HAD
=KZZZT= HOPE
IT KILLS ME.

A TRAP?
VADER, I WOULD
NEVER...I WOULD'NT
CROSS YOU!

I MAY LOVE
DANGER, BUT
I'VE NEVER BEEN
BIG ON
SUICIDE.

BUT THREE
SQUADRONS?
THAT'S *DOZENS*
OF FIGHTERS. YOU'VE
GOTTA GET OUTTA
THERE!







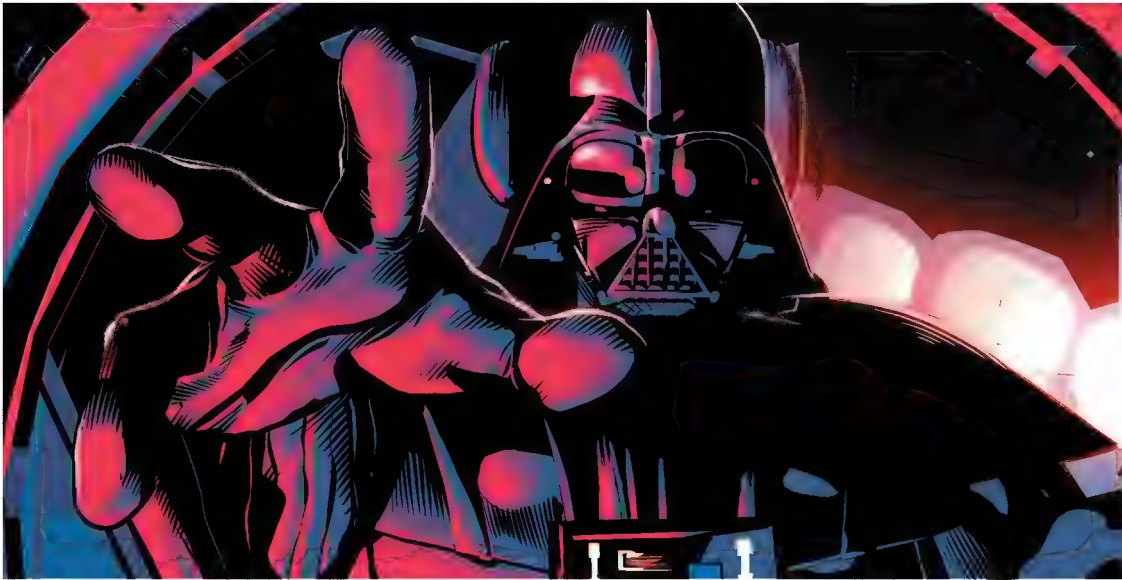


HIS TIE'S
ARMED WITH
DEFLECTOR SHIELDS!
CONCENTRATE
YOUR FIRE
ON--

AAARRRGHH!

THIS IS
YELLOW SQUAD,
COORDINATING FIRE.
ALL TORPEDOES
ARE LOCKED.

LET'S
SEE HIM
DEFLECT
THIS!



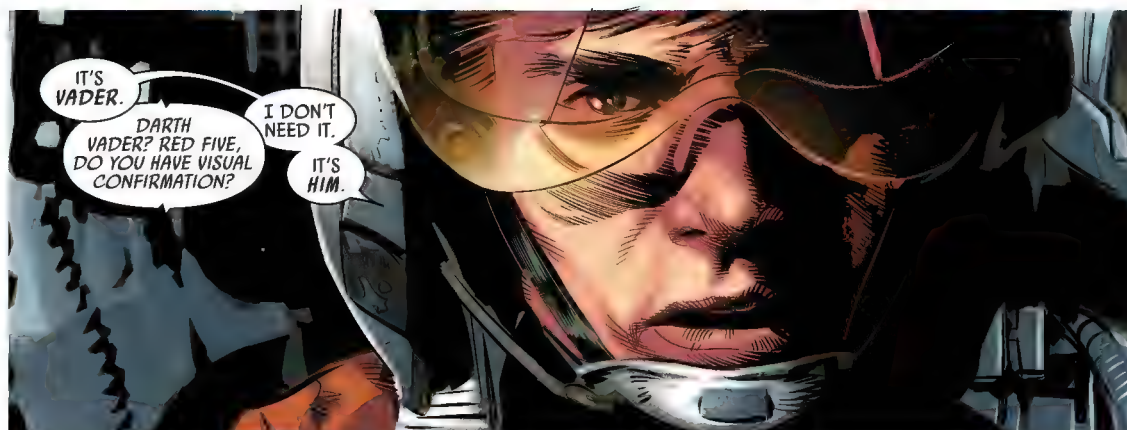


YELLOW SQUADRON?
YELLOW SQUADRON,
REPORT!

IS ANYONE
LEFT FROM
YELLOW? I
CAN'T SEE...

THIS...
THIS CAN'T BE
HAPPENING. HOW IS
HE DOING THIS? IT'S
JUST ONE
MAN!

NO.



IT'S
VADER.

DARTH
VADER? RED FIVE,
DO YOU HAVE VISUAL
CONFIRMATION?

I DON'T
NEED IT.

IT'S
HIM.



DOESN'T
MATTER IF IT IS VADER,
HE'S STILL ALONE AND
GROSSLY OUTNUMBERED. IF
WE SURROUND HIM AND
COORDINATE OUR
FIRE, WE CAN--

THEY DON'T
KNOW WHAT HE
CAN DO. THEY
HAVEN'T SEEN
WHAT I'VE...

WE WON'T
BE ABLE TO
STOP HIM. NOT
LIKE THIS. NOT
UNLESS...



I'M
SORRY ABOUT
THIS, ARTOO.
I REALLY
AM.

THIS IS
RED FIVE.
I'M GOING
IN.

RED FIVE,
STAY IN
FORMATION!

LUKE,
WHAT DO
YOU THINK
YOU'RE...



LUKE, VEER
OFF! AT THAT
SPEED, YOU'RE
GONNA FLY
RIGHT INTO--

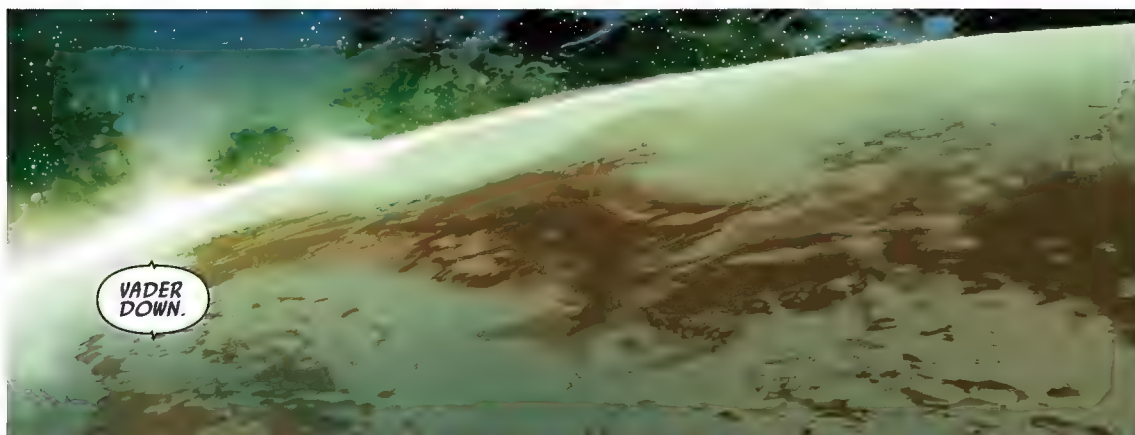
ARTOO,
CLOSE
COMMS.



FINALLY.
A PILOT
WORTH
KILLING.





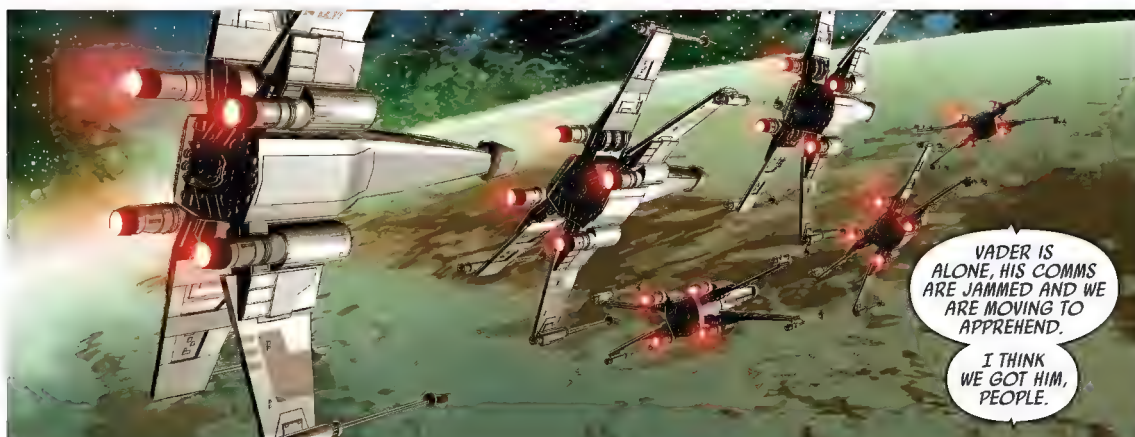


VADER
DOWN.



I REPEAT,
DARTH VADER
HAS BEEN SHOT
DOWN ON
VROGAS VAS.

THIS IS RED
LEADER CALLING FOR
ASSISTANCE FROM ALL
AVAILABLE ALLIANCE
FORCES.



VADER IS
ALONE, HIS COMMS
ARE JAMMED AND WE
ARE MOVING TO
APPREHEND.

I THINK
WE GOT HIM,
PEOPLE.



THOUGH
THE PRICE WAS
STEEP.



Vrogas Vas. Secret Rebel Refueling Base

THIS IS
NOT A
DRILL.

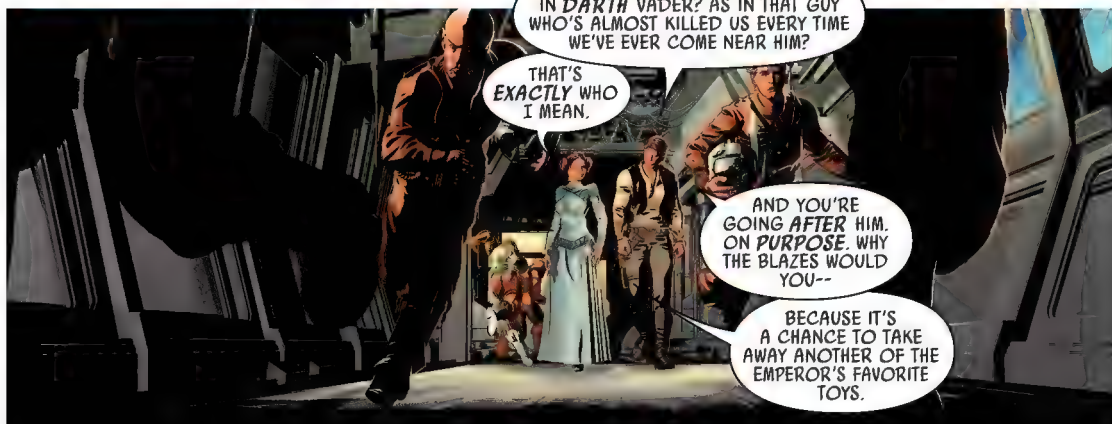
ALL
INFANTRY, FALL
OUT, ARMED AND
READY.

YOUR
TARGET...
IS DARTH
VADER.

MAY
THE FORCE
BE WITH YOU
ALL.



"DID YOU SAY...
VADER?"

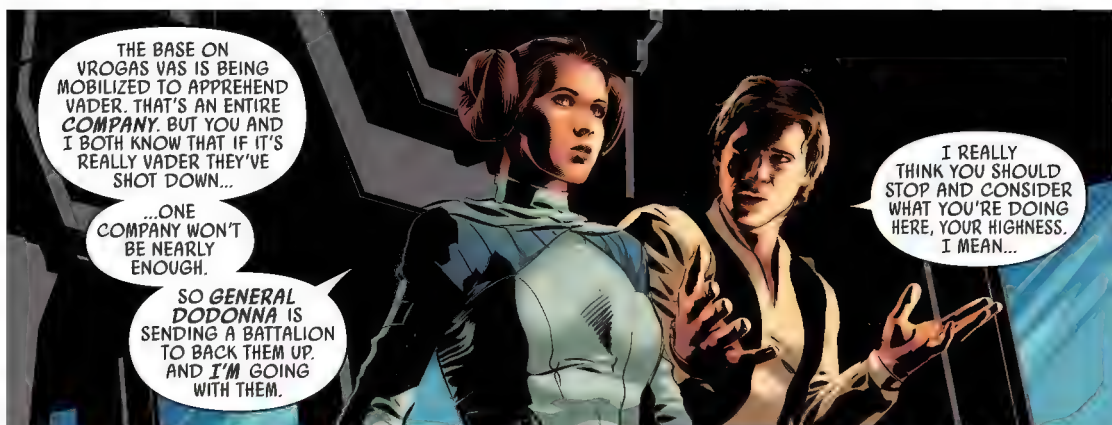


YOU MEAN VADER AS
IN **DARTH** VADER? AS IN THAT GUY
WHO'S ALMOST KILLED US EVERY TIME
WE'VE EVER COME NEAR HIM?

THAT'S
EXACTLY WHO
I MEAN.

AND YOU'RE
GOING **AFTER** HIM.
ON **PURPOSE**. WHY
THE **BLAZES** WOULD
YOU--

BECAUSE IT'S
A CHANCE TO TAKE
AWAY ANOTHER OF THE
EMPEROR'S FAVORITE
TOYS.



THE BASE ON
VROGAS VAS IS BEING
MOBILIZED TO APPREHEND
VADER. THAT'S AN ENTIRE
COMPANY. BUT YOU AND
I BOTH KNOW THAT IF IT'S
REALLY VADER THEY'VE
SHOT DOWN...

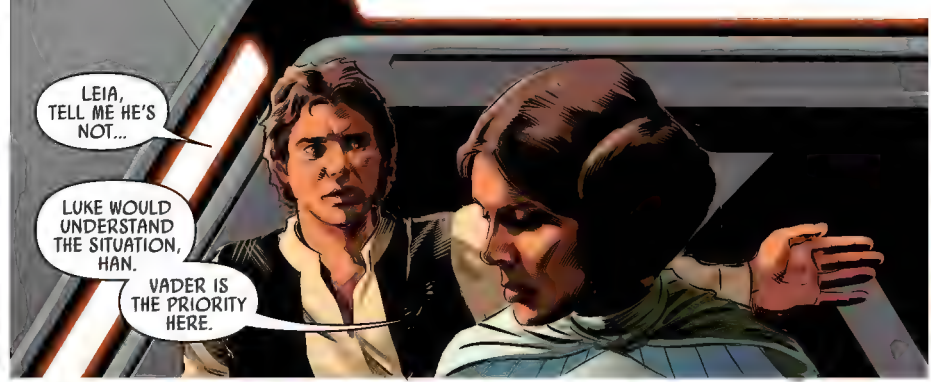
...ONE
COMPANY WON'T
BE NEARLY
ENOUGH.

SO **GENERAL
DODONNA** IS
SENDING A BATTALION
TO BACK THEM UP.
AND I'M GOING
WITH THEM.

I REALLY
THINK YOU SHOULD
STOP AND CONSIDER
WHAT YOU'RE DOING
HERE, YOUR HIGHNESS.
I MEAN...

WAIT...
VROGAS
VAS?
THAT'S...
THAT'S WHERE **LUKE**
WENT.











WE COULD ALWAYS SIMPLY
MURDER EVERYONE WE
ENCOUNTER.

NO MATTER THE
PROBLEM, I USUALLY
FIND THAT TO BE THE
MOST ELEGANT
SOLUTION.

Bleep!

BEETEE
RATHER
EXCITEDLY
AGREES.



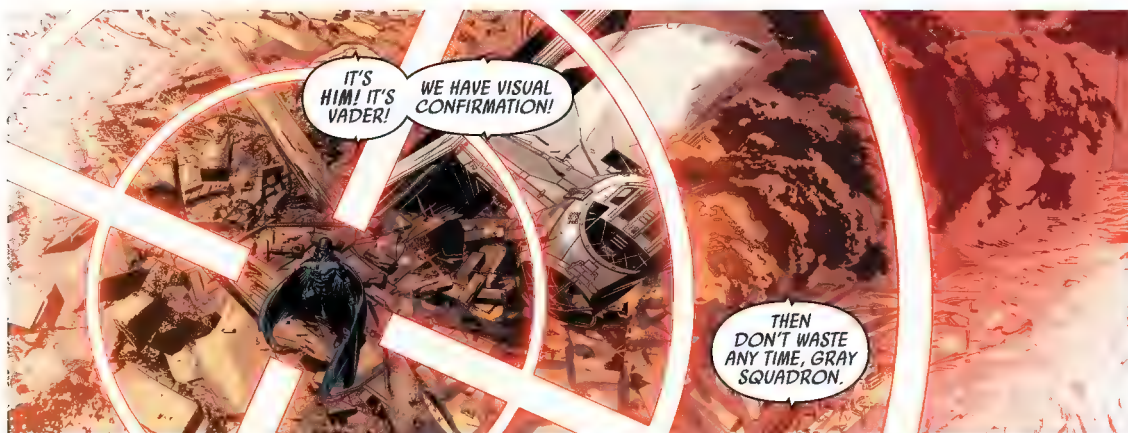
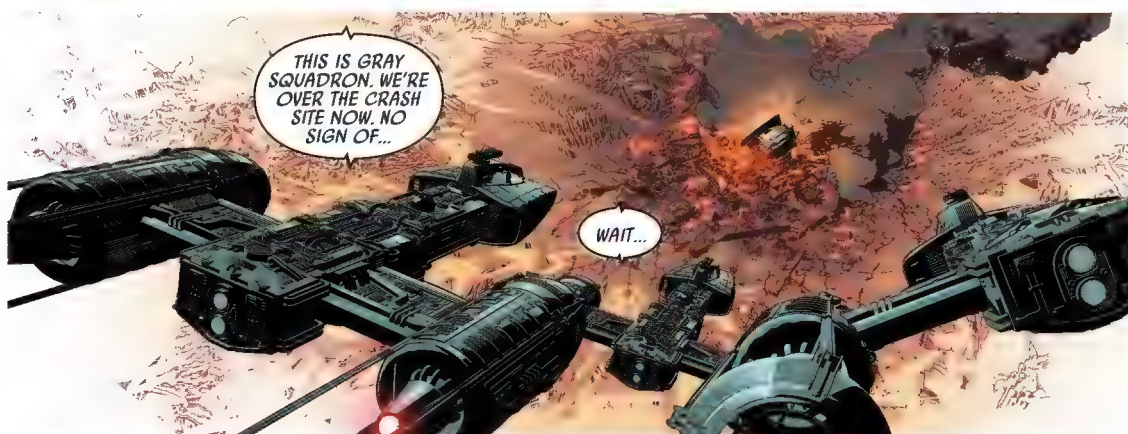
WE'RE FLYING
RIGHT INTO A NEST
OF REBEL TROOPS,
TRIPLE-ZERO. I EXPECT
YOU'LL GET
YOUR WISH.

HOW
SPLENDID.

DID YOU HEAR
THAT, BEETEE? WE
GET TO TORTURE
AND EXTERMINATE
INDISCRIMINATELY!



"OH, I HAVE A SIMPLY
DELIGHTFUL FEELING
ABOUT THIS MISSION.





**WOO
BLIP
BOOP**

YEAH,
SORRY ABOUT
THE SHIP,
ARTOO.



LET'S JUST
HOPE IT WAS
WORTH IT.

THOUGH
SOMETHING
TELLS ME IF WE
SURVIVED, CHANCES
ARE VADER
DID AS...



**BRIPPA
BREEP
WOOP
WOOP**

NO,
ARTOO, IT'S
NOT EXACTLY THE
SORT OF ANSWER
WE CAME HERE
TO FIND.

BUT RIGHT
NOW, I'M JUST A
REBEL PILOT WHO
NEEDS TO HELP
HIS FRIENDS.



GUESS THAT
ANSWERS THAT
QUESTION.



LEARNING
TO BE A JEDI
WILL HAVE TO
WAIT.





THE SAGA CONTINUES IN...



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